(b) The amount of grant released by Govt. of India and other agencies during the past 3 years has been fully utilised by the University.

(c) As far as ICAR is concerned there is no such proposal for the present. The funds for the VIIIth 5 year plan has already been allocated to HAU, Hissar keeping in view their requirement and the budget available with ICAR for such grants.

(d) As in (c) above.

Use of Fertilizers by Farmers

1542. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1993-94 season the farmers are restraining the use of fertilizer; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the State-wise sale of fertilizer per hectare during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) During 1993-94, as on 15-7-1993, the sales of urea registered an increase of 27% compared to the same period last year while that of DAP and MOP registered a decline of 56 and 44 percent respectively. Decline in the sales of DAP and MOP has been mainly due to increase in their prices consequent on their decontrol in August, 1992.

(b) The State-wise per hectare sale of fertilizers for 1993-94 is not available. However, the per hectare consumption of fertilizer nutrients in different States during 1991-92 is given in the Statement.

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Per Hectare Consumption of Fertilizers for Cropped Area (N+P+K)

(Kgs/hectare)

State	Per Hectare Consumption 1991-92 (Estimated) (In Kgs N+P+K for Cropped Area)
Andhra Pradesh	124.00
Karnataka	75.03
Kerala	76.98
Tamil Nadu	141.90
Pondicherry	537.37
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6.94
SOUTH ZONE TOTAL	106.88
Gujarat	71.53
Madhya Pradesh	37.93
Maharashtra	60.88
Rajasthan	25.02
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	46.11
Goa, Daman & Diu	50.01
WEST ZONE TOTAL	45.71
Haryana	100.94
Punjab	159.26
Uttar Pradesh	93.16
Himachal Pradesh	35.00
Jammu & Kashmir	52.93
Delhi	151.13
Chandigarh	164.50
NORTH ZONE TOTAL	104.00
Bihar	57.76
Orissa	23.37
West Bengal	101.70
EAST ZONE TOTAL	59.53
Assam	10.58
Tripura	24.96
Manipur	57.18
Meghalaya	15.44
Nagaland	4.69
Arunachal Pradesh	2.02
Sikkim	12.65
Mizoram	11.84
NORTH EAST ZONE	25.27
ALL INDIA	72.17

Central assistance given to Punjab for floods

1543. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the estimated loss of lives, property, cattle-heads and crops in Punjab due to rains and floods district-wise; and

(b) the nature of the Central assistance given to Punjab to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Government of India has released in advance, two remaining quarterly instalments for the year 1993-94 and the first and second instalments for the year 1994-95 of the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 21.00 crores to Government of Punjab.

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District	Human lives lost	Catte Heads lost	Damage to crops (in Acres)
Jalandhar	10	5	1,26,000
Amritsar	41	456	2,06,333
Kapurthala	13	161	50,000
Gurdaspur	29	119	1,78,000
Hoshiarpur	12	121	40,578
Patiala	156	4,455	4,17,722
Ludhiana	13	71	36,000
Ropar	19	319	15,550
Fatahgarh St.	14	278	31,300
Sangrur	4	139	70,000
Firozpur	3	12	70,000
Mansa	7	158	2,33,000
TOTAL	321	6,294	14,74,483

The loss to public property has been estimated by the State Government at about Rs. 477.00 crores (provisional). Loss/damage to houses and private property is still being assessed.

New Agricultural Marketing Policy

1544. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce a new Agricultural Marketing Policy;

(b) if so, whether the overall situation in the agriculture sector and plight of farmers in the country is far from satisfactory; and

(c) if so, the details of the efforts made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to announce a new Agricultural Marketing Policy. However, draft Agricultural Policy/Resolution specifically calls for improvements in marketing of agricultural produce in different regions of the country and abroad.

(b) The overall agricultural situation in the country is very satisfactory with a record harvest of 181.2 million tonnes of foodgrains in 1992-93. The production of oilseeds and cotton has also been at record levels. The per capita income (net value added) in the farm sector has also increased by 22 percent during the years 1980-81 to 1990-91 at constant prices.

(c) The Government of India have prepared a draft Agricultural Policy Resolution to accelerate the all-round development and economic viability of agriculture resulting in generation of higher incomes in agriculture and improvement of quality of life in the villages. In the Eighth Five Year Plan, it is also envisaged to further step up incomes of the farming community, inter-alia, through diversification of agriculture, development of horticulture, animal husbandry and fishery, improvement of marketing of agricultural produce, development of post-harvest technology and agro-